

any local school administrative unit. This subsection does not apply to county or municipal governments or any local governmental unit, except for local boards of education."

**SECTION 67.(b)** If House Bill 914, 2005 Regular Session, becomes law, effective July 1, 2007, the same amendment to G.S. 143-3.3(g), made by subsection (a) of this section, is also made to G.S. 143B-426.39D(g), as enacted by Section 9 of House Bill 914 and recodified by Senate Bill 198, 2005 Regular Session, or to G.S. 143B-426.39A(g), if it is not recodified.

**SECTION 68.** G.S. 143-717(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Membership. – The Commission shall consist of 18 members. The Commission shall be appointed as follows: six members by the Governor, six members by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and six members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) The Governor shall make the following appointments:
  - a. A flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - b. A flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - c. A person in or displaced from tobacco-related employment.
  - d. An at-large appointee.
  - e. An at-large appointee.
  - f. An at-large appointee.
- (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make the following appointments:
  - a. A flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - b. A flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - c. A ~~burley allotment holder who is also a~~ burley tobacco farmer.
  - d. An at-large appointee.
  - e. An at-large appointee.
  - f. An at-large appointee.
- (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the following appointments:
  - a. A flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - b. A former flue-cured allotment holder who is not also a flue-cured tobacco farmer.
  - c. A burley tobacco farmer.
  - d. An at-large appointee.
  - e. An at-large appointee.
  - f. An at-large appointee.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appointing authorities, in appointing members, shall appoint members who represent the geographic, political, gender, and racial diversity of the State. It is the intent of the General Assembly that at least one-half of the members of the Commission be tobacco farmers.

Except as provided for the initial members under subsection (c) of this section, members shall serve four-year terms beginning July 1. No member may serve more than two full consecutive terms. Members may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors are duly appointed, but any holdover shall not affect the expiration date of the succeeding term. Vacancies shall be filled by the designated appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member may be removed from office for cause by the authority that appointed that member."